

HOUSE RESOLUTION 14
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Tim Thompson and the 1996 Melrose High School football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, during any given sports season, only a few highly gifted teams, those with tremendous stamina, exceptional determination, the rare ability to always make a comeback when faced with adversity, outstanding ability, excellent coaching, a strong offense and a stingy defense, are deserving of the notable plaudit "great"; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Melrose High School football team, which won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Championship, is truly deserving of being called "great"; and

WHEREAS, Melrose had a very impressive, regular season record with victories over Dunbar (Chicago) 43-14, Hamilton 20-8, Kingsbury 28-9, Sheffield 70-6, Hillcrest 80-0, Frayser 62-0, and Trezevant 46-0; and

WHEREAS, in the playoffs, the Golden Wildcats beat Milan 54-0, Portland 54-0, Pulaski 56-13 and revenge-minded Kingsbury 13-6, to reach the prestigious Clinic Bowl; and

WHEREAS, to the thunderous applause of thousands of Melrose fans, they defeated tough Tyner-Chattanooga 32-14 to win the coveted Class AAA title at the Clinic Bowl; and

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WHEREAS, the team compiled a fine 12-3 overall record, a winning percentage of .800, had five season shutouts and averaged 53.3 points per game; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded head coach, Tim Thompson, a 1984 Melrose alumnus, has compiled an enviable three-year record of 30-8 at the school. He has been assisted by a very capable staff: Assistant Coach Charles Douglas (defensive line), Assistant Coach Darryl Montgomery (defensive line), Assistant Coach Paul Wilson (linebackers, RB), Assistant Coach Anthony Hardin (wide receivers), Brad Parson (defensive backs); and Physical Therapist Denise Greene; and

WHEREAS, the team and players received a numerous of honors: quarterback Cedrick Wilson was selected a Mr. Football finalist, a Best of the Preps Football Back Award finalist and Best Offensive Player of the Year (All-Metro); Kindall Moorehead was chosen a Best of the Preps Football Lineman Award finalist; and Andre Lott, was named Best Defensive Player of the Year (All-Metro) and Racquet Club Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Melrose placed numbers 1, 2, 1 and 10 on the Top Tennessee Prospects (seniors) list and had eight All-Metro Players. Cedrick Wilson also set a new Clinic Bowl record for longest touchdown pass in bowl history, at 81 yards; and

WHEREAS, the members of this very talented team were: seniors Kevin Woods, Andre Lott, Kevin Taylor, Marlon Martin, Cedric Wilson, Russell Seaton, Quenton Brewer, Zake Watkins, Brian Cartwright and Marlon Macon; juniors Marcus Taylor, Keydrian Ward, Eric Collins, Rod Stewart, Jason Savage, Emmitt Marshall, Jeremy Baptist, Cornelius Denman, Deshun Harris, Prentise Hayes, William Johnson, Nick Manning, Terrance Blunt, Marion Curry, Sidney Wainwright, Carlos Williams, Byron Davis, Karseen Smith, David Turner, Carlos Porter and Kendy Hall; sophomores Evertte Howard, Anthony Hall, Daniel Dunn, Michael Smith, Medarie Benson, Jessie Rounds, Kendall Moorehead, Robert Wrenthorp, Michael Tunstall, David Payne, Travis Garmon and Sidney Hall and Freshmen Harvey Mackin, Michael Saulsberry, David Richmond, Travis Flowers, Marcus Reed, Anthony Stevenson, Dwayne Robertson, Mondre Dickerson, Walter Weeden, and Timothy Neal; and

WHEREAS, Principal LaVaughn Bridges and Assistant Principal Lillian Johnson have strongly supported the team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this memorable team for their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we congratulate and honor Coach Tim Thompson and the 1996 Melrose High School football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.